**Delay in Establishment of Oil Refinery at Paradip**

8064. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been an inordinate delay in the establishment of an oil refinery at Paradip in Orissa;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of steps taken to consider the proposal at an early date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURE GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Indian Oil Corporation has in principle approval to set up a 6 MMTPA joint venture refinery in the East Coast. During the feasibility study, the refinery was proposed to be located at Daitari. However, exact location of the refinery will be decided based on Detailed Feasibility Report Govt has already accorded stage I clearance for the project.

**Delivery of LPG Cylinders to Consumers**

8065. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have revised the LPG refill sales ceiling of LPG distributors in the country;

(b) if so, details of such revised ceiling;

(c) whether Government have received a large number of complaints from consumers against forced sale of hot plates, supply of underweight LPG cylinders, etc.;

(d) whether Government propose to do away with the practice of inspecion by the staff of LPG distributors in case of release of new LPG connections to remove complaints of forced sale of hot plates;

(e) whether Government have issued instructions to distributors to ensure supply of refill LPG cylinders to working couples/consumers on days and timings desired by them; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. LPG refill sale ceiling has been revised as under:

| Towns having population (Based on 1991 census) | Refill ceiling |
|---|---|
| 1. Bombay | 10000 |
| 2. Delhi | 9000 |
| 3. Madras/Calcutta & towns having population of over 40 lakhs | 8000 |
| 4. Towns with 20 to 40 lakhs | 7000 |
| 5. Towns with 10 to 20 lakhs | 6000 |
| 6. Towns upto 10 lakhs | 5000 |

(c) Sometimes such complaints are received. The complaints received are investigated. In all established cases, appropriate action is taken by the LPG Marketing Companies against the defaulting distributors under the Marketing Discipline Guidelines.

(d) No, Sir. Inspection of hot plates with the prospective customers is done to ensure that they are of ISI mark and safe for use.

(e) and (f) No, Sir. However, distributors have been advised by the LPG marketing companies to accommodate such requests on individual merits.

**Demand and Supply of Oil and Gas**

8066. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the future demand and supply of oil and gas in India is bound to increase manifold;

(b) if so, the details thereof, with comparative position of the demand and supply during the last three financial years;

(c) whether Government propose to take some steps to meet the situation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a), (c) and (d) Government have allowed private investment in the oil refining sector. As against the existing refining capacity of 56.40 MMTPA, the total refining capacity in the country after the expansion/debottlenecking of existing refineries, setting up of new grass-root refineries JVCs and private sector refineries including EOUs, is expected to be around 153 MMTPA. This capacity would be sufficient to meet the projected demand of petroleum products, since the demand of petroleum products in the year 2001-2002 is estimated to be about 102 MMTPA.

A number of short-term and medium term measures have been taken to boost the indigenous production of crude oil. As a result of these measures the crude oil production is expected to reach a level of 37.37 MMT in 1995-96 and 44.45 MMT at the end of 1996-97.

(b) Demand and supply of oil and gas during the last three years were as under:

| Item | Unit | 1992-93 | 1993-94 | 1994-95* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Supply of Natural Gas . . . . . | BCM | 16.21 | 16.41 | 17.36 |
| 2. Demand of POL products (Excluding RBF) | MMT | 58.90 | 60.81 | 65.31 |

* Provisional.

**Waiting list for LPG Connections in Kumaon region**

8067. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of LPG connections with each agency in Almora, Ranikhet, Haldwani and Nainital of Uttar Pradesh and the number of persons on the waiting list, as on the 30th April, 1995;

(b) by when the wait listed persons in those towns are likely to be provided LG connection; and

(c) what are the other places in hill districts of Kumaon region in Uttar Pradesh where LPG facilities are available at present and by when the remaining areas are likely to be provided with such facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) The requisite infor-